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EFFORT ON RHODESIA.

UKUN PRESS SPOKESMAN REPLIED AS FOLLOWS TO QUERIES AT
SEPTEMBER 22 PRESS BRIEFING ON LONDON REACTION TO SECRETARY'S
EFFORT ON RHODESIA:

-- IT NOT FAIR TO SAY THAT LONDON IS ANGRY BECAUSE SECRETARY
IS SUCCEEDING WHERE WILSON FAILED.

-- LONDON'S VIEW ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA IS THAT BRITAIN WISHES SECRETARY GOOD LUCK, AND
HOPES ALL TURNS OUT ALRIGHT. BECAUSE OF PAST BRITISH
EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH IAN SMITH "WE CAN'T COUNT
OUR CHICKENS BEFORE THEY ARE HATCHED. WE MUST WAIT AND
SEE WHAT HAPPENS BEFORE WE START REJOICING."

-- BRITAIN WELCOMES THE FACT THAT SECRETARY'S MISSION HAS
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HAPPENED. ANY EFFORT TO ACHIEVE PEACE IN SOUTHERN

AFRICA IS WELCOME. "WHETHER WE ARE SATISFIED OR NOT IS IRRELEVANT. IT IS ONLY REALLY SATISFACTORY WHEN YOU ACHIEVE YOUR OBJECTIVE AT THE END OF THE DAY. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE PROGRESS MADE."

-- TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, SUCCESS WOULD MEAN THAT THE SECRETARY HAD BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE MOVEMENT WHICH LED TO ACCEPTANCE BY SMITH OF THE POINTS MADE BY BRITISH FOR MIN CALLAGHAN ON MARCH 22, 1976. IF MAJORITY RULE WERE TO BE ACCEPTED BY SMITH, "WE WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO CREATE INDEPENDENCE QUICKLY. FOR US THIS MEANS PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE BY SMITH OF THE POINTS OF MARCH 22."

-- ASKED IF BRITAIN WAS RECEIVING OFFICIAL GUIDANCE FROM THE SECRETARY'S PARTY ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SHUTTLE, SPOKESMAN SAID A SENIOR BRITISH DIPLOMAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPANYING SECRETARY AND THAT SECRETARY ARRIVES IN LONDON TOMORROW FOR TWO DAYS OF TALK.

-- ASKED WHAT BRITAIN WILL DO IF THE MISSION FAILS, SPOKESMAN REPLIED THAT MOMENTUM OF EVENTS WILL RUN THEIR COURSE BECAUSE THERE IS NOTHING ELSE BRITAIN CAN DO; BRITAIN IS NOT PREPARED TO DO ANYTHING POSITIVE IN TALKING WITH SMITH.
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